QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Reform of the Police Department.

1. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) for what purpose the C. I. D. exists in the Police Force in the State;

(*b*) whether it is on the population or on the taluk basis that the number in the Police is fixed at present; and

(*c*) if it is on the population basis, the percentage of population for every Constable, the percentage of Head Constables to Constables and the percentage of Inspectors to Head Constables, respectively?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): (*a*) To help the regular force in investigation and detection.

(*b*) According to public necessities.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of answer to (*b*) above.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): With reference to part (*a*), may I know the nature of the cases or offences which are being entrusted to the C. I. D. for investigation and detection?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): Almost all kinds of cases calling for investigation by the Police.

PRESIDENT: Will the honourable member kindly raise his voice?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): There are several cases in which the uniformed Police are confronted with special difficulties in investigation. All such cases have now been taken up by the C. I. D.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether official corruption also is to be investigated by the C. I. D.?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): That is confidential.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether at any time the C. I. D. has been entrusted with that work?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): I have already given my answer, Sir.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know.....

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I have not finished yet.

PRESIDENT: Honourable members have no right to restrain each other. That is the prerogative of the Chair.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): When was the Police Force first organised in Travancore?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): About 50 years ago.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know the number of Constables, Head Constables and Inspectors at that time?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): I claim notice.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know the system of working in England ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*) : I am not aware of the system of working in England.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the Government are aware of the system obtaining in respect of the Police force in any of the civilised countries in Europe ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*) ; I believe that what is happening in Travancore is happening in other parts also.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the member can say that crime increases with the increase of population in a country ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*) : There is a general tendency for crime to increase with the increase of population.

PRESIDENT : Honourable members must remember that philosophical disquisitions and abstract questions do not form appropriate themes for questions and answers.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether Government are aware that population has increased in the State subsequent to the reorganisation of the Police force ?

PRESIDENT : The question need not be answered.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*) : May I know whether the C. I. D. was reorganised recently ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*) : Yes, Sir.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*) : When was it reorganised ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*) : In the middle of last year.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*) : What were the circumstances that necessitated such a reorganisation in the middle of last year ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*) : There were a large number of Known Depredators who had gone out of view. Several cases of thefts and burglaries remained undetected. Counterfeit coins and forged currency were in wide circulation. There were political agitations, labour movements, meetings and conferences, and special observations had to be kept unobtrusively on the movements of those engaged in these troublesome activities involving breach of public peace and tranquillity. All this required the services of a strong body of C. I. D. Officers. Hence there was urgent necessity to reorganise the force.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*) : May I know whether the reorganisation has entailed additional expenditure ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*) : It has.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*) : What is the amount ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*) ; About Rs. 32,000.

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MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether this House was consulted before the reorganisation was effected?

PRESIDENT: The honourable member knows the answer to the question himself.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know why that was not placed before this House.

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): I was not considered necessary.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know, Sir, why it was not considered necessary when all supplementary grants are being placed before this House?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): Because it was an emergent measure.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know why Government cannot call a special session for the purpose.

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): I have no answer for that question.

M. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether instances of corruption among officials are included in the scope of enquiry by the C. I. D.

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): I have given my answer already.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether C. I. D. Inspectors are given separate stations?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): There are no separate Stations. While certain Officers have jurisdiction all over the State, others have only district jurisdiction.

Inferior servants qualified for promotion in the Land Revenue Department.

2. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of permanent hands in the inferior service in the Revenue Department qualified for promotion to the superior service?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Thirty.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the permanent hands employed in the inferior service of the Revenue Department are being given promotions?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Sometimes they are given acting promotions.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether those persons who have been given acting promotions have been confirmed?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): I claim notice.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether new persons have been recruited ignoring the claims of acting persons?

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